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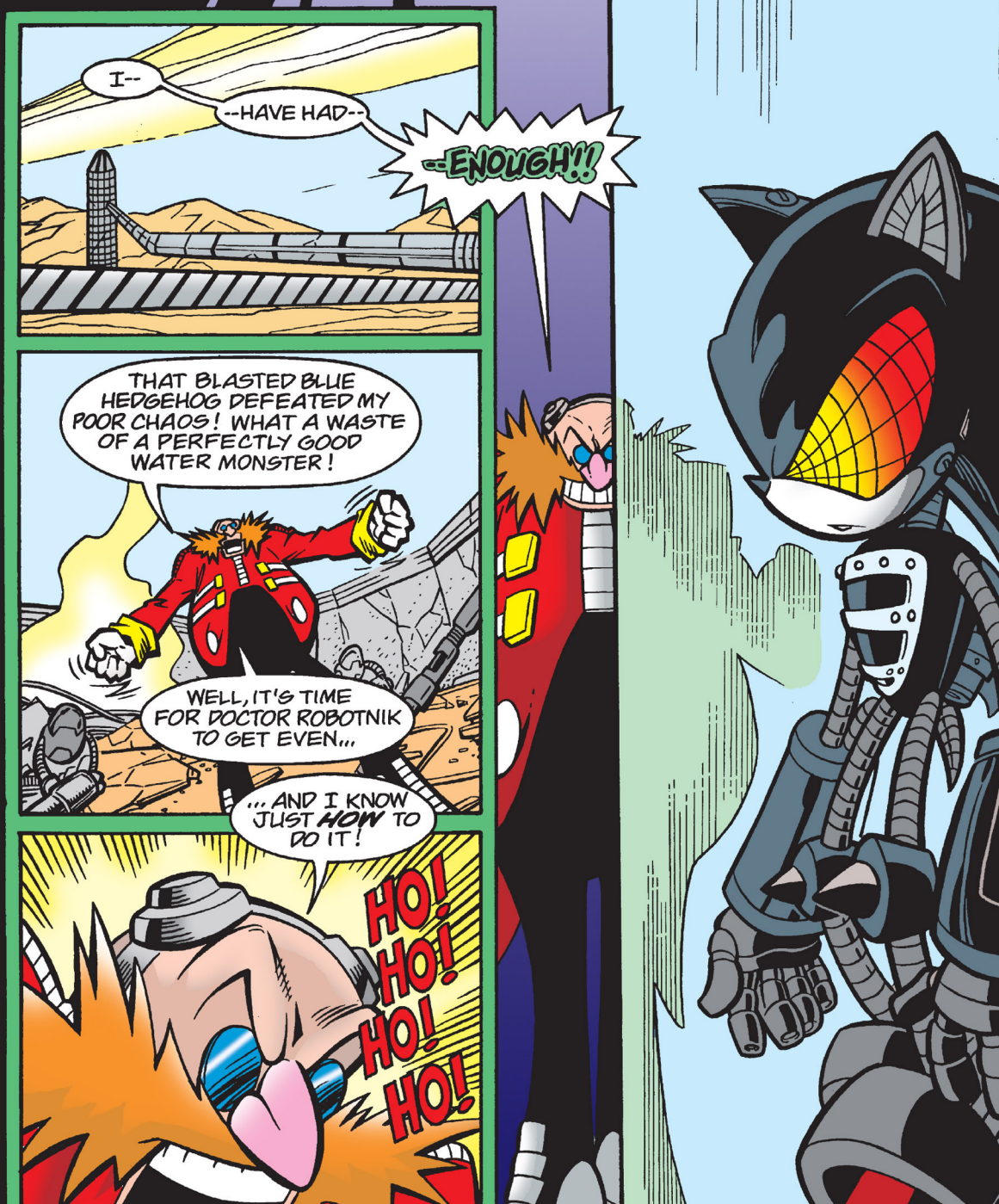
I--
--HAVE HAD--
--ENOUGH!!
THAT BLASTED BLUE HEDGEHOG DEFEATED MY POOR CHAOS! WHAT A WASTE OF A PERFECTLY GOOD WATER MONSTER!
WELL, IT'S TIME FOR DOCTOR ROBOTNIK TO GET EVEN...
...AND I KNOW JUST HOW TO DO IT!
HO! HO! HO! HO!

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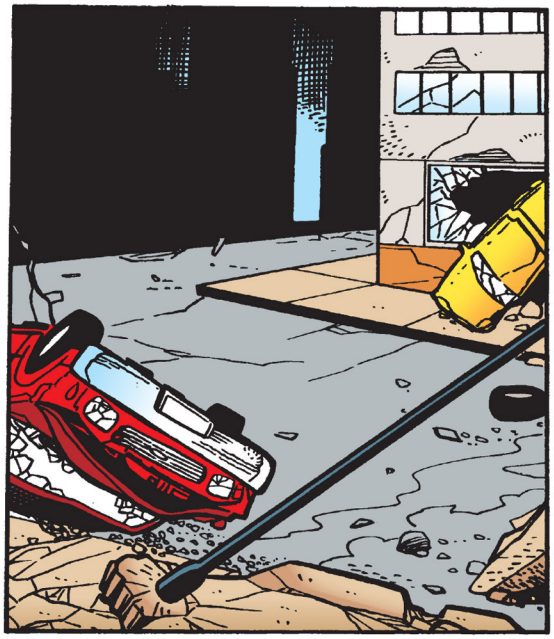

THE BIG PAYBACK

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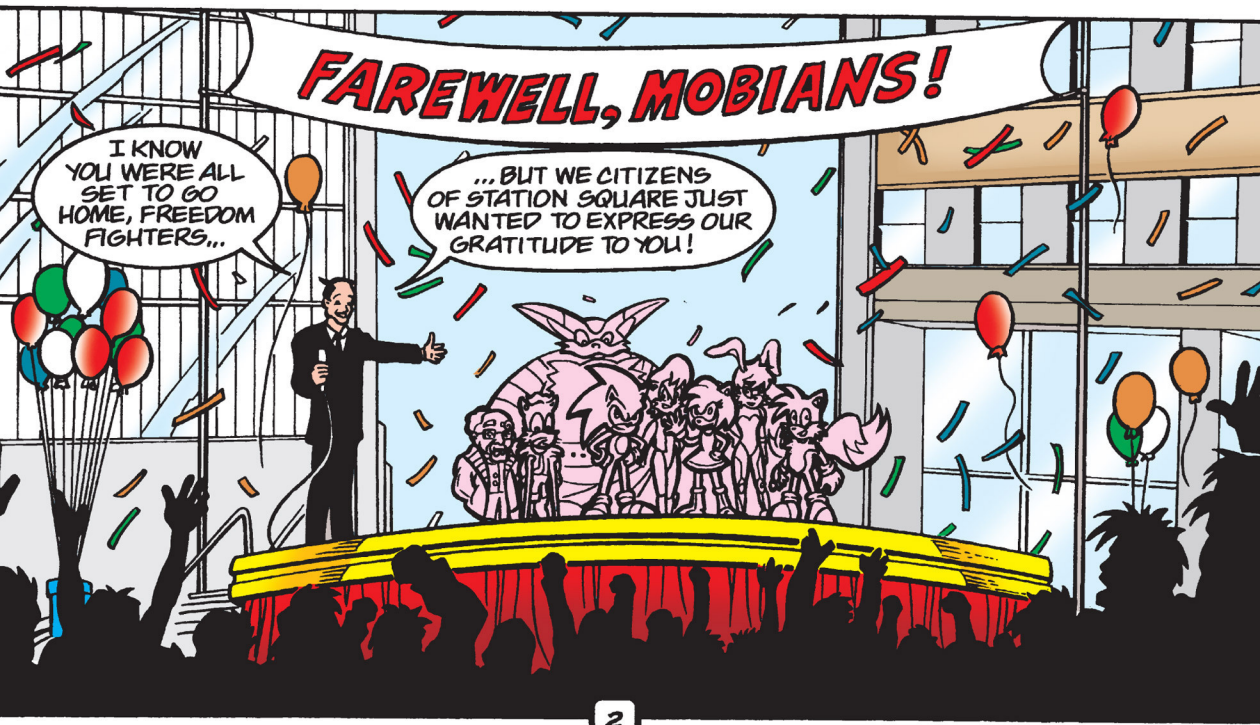
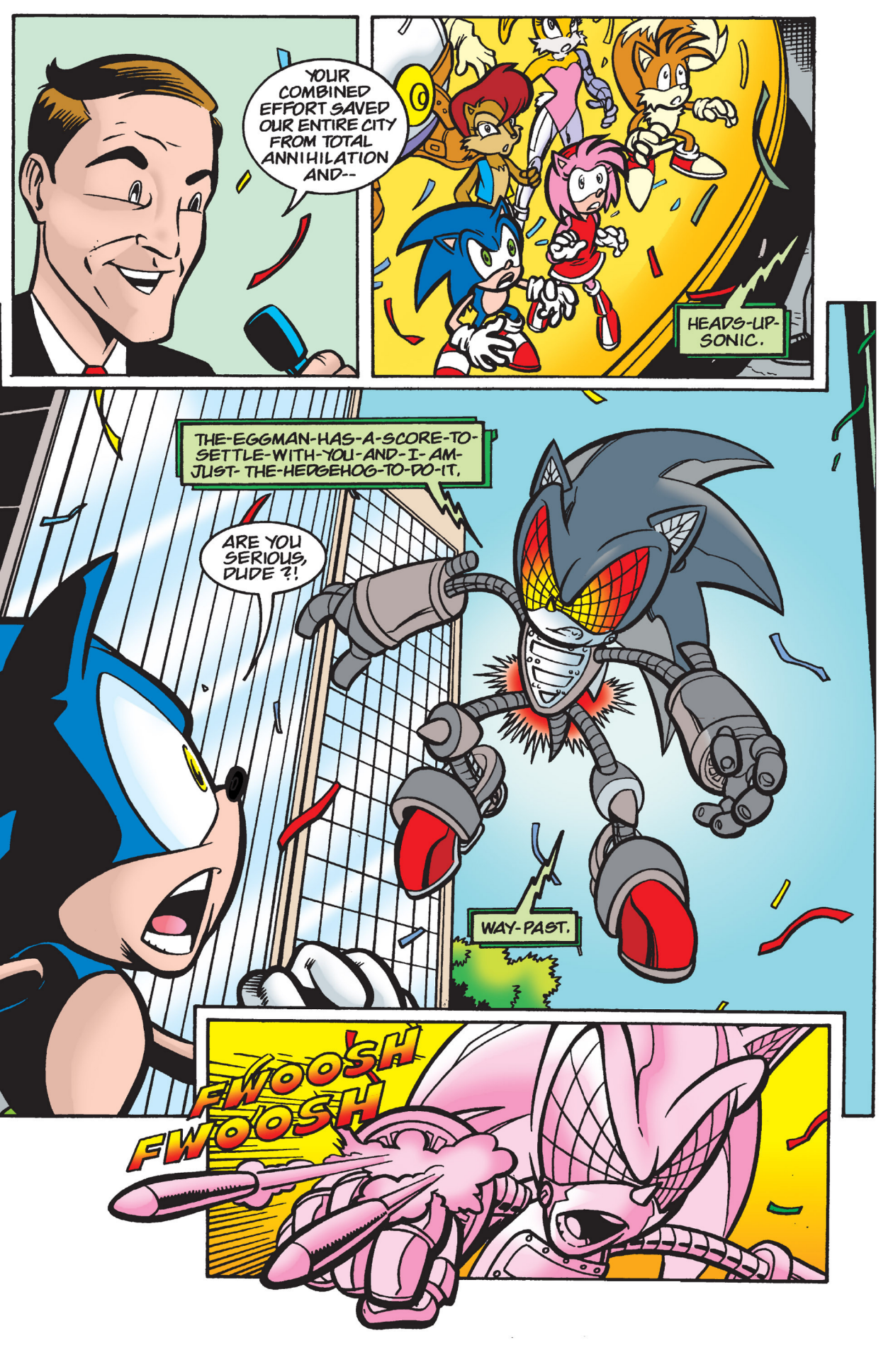
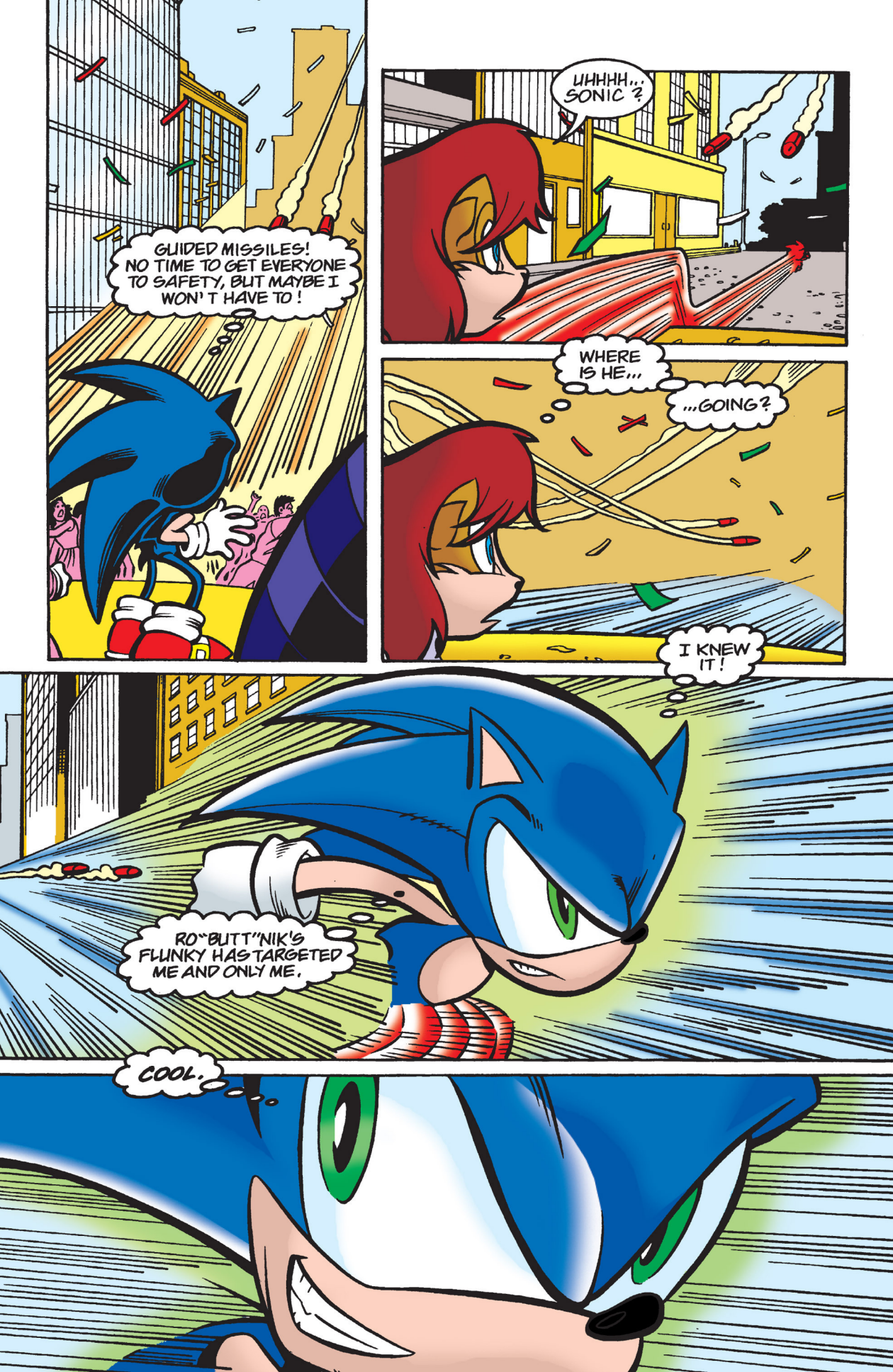
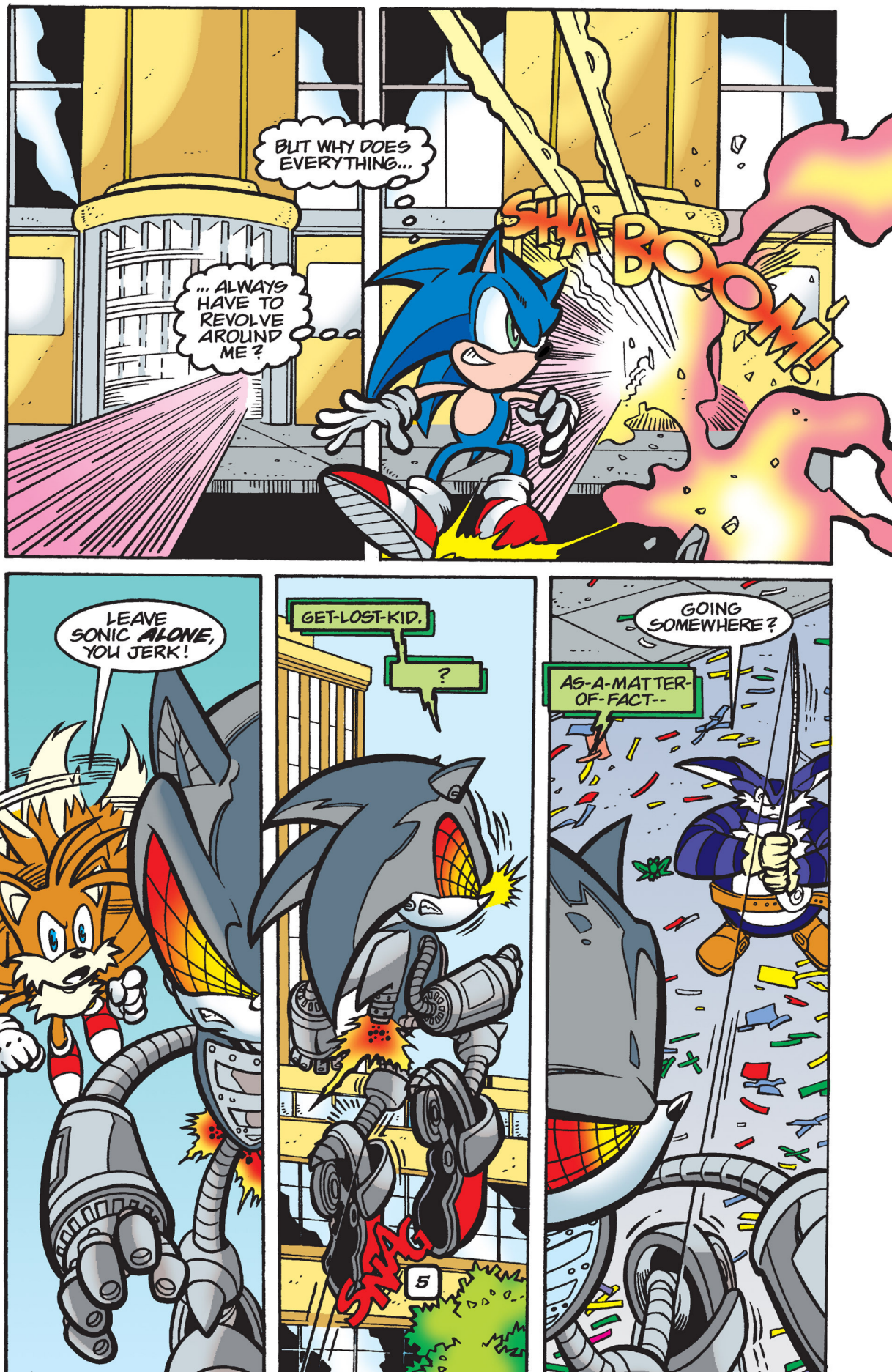

FAREWELL, MOBIANS!
I KNOW YOU WERE ALL SET TO GO HOME, FREEDOM FIGHTERS...
...BUT WE CITIZENS OF STATION SQUARE JUST WANTED TO EXPRESS OUR GRATITUDE TO YOU!


YOUR COMBINED EFFORT SAVED OUR ENTIRE CITY FROM TOTAL ANNIHILATION AND--
HEADS-UP-SONIC.
THE-EGGMAN-HAS-A-SCORE-TO-SETTLE-WITH-YOU-AND-I-AM-JUST-THE-HEDGEHOG-TO-DO-IT.
ARE YOU SERIOUS, DUDE ?!
WAY-PAST.
FWOOSH
FWOOSH


GUIDED MISSILES! NO TIME TO GET EVERYONE TO SAFETY, BUT MAYBE I WON'T HAVE TO!
UHHHH... SONIC?
WHERE IS HE...
...GOING?
I KNEW IT!
RO"BUTT"NIK'S FLUNKY HAS TARGETED ME AND ONLY ME.
COOL.


BUT WHY DOES EVERYTHING...
... ALWAYS HAVE TO REVOLVE AROUND ME?
SHA-BOOM!
LEAVE SONIC ALONE, YOU JERK!
GET-LOST-KID.
?
SNAG
GOING SOMEWHERE?
AS-A-MATTER-OF-FACT--
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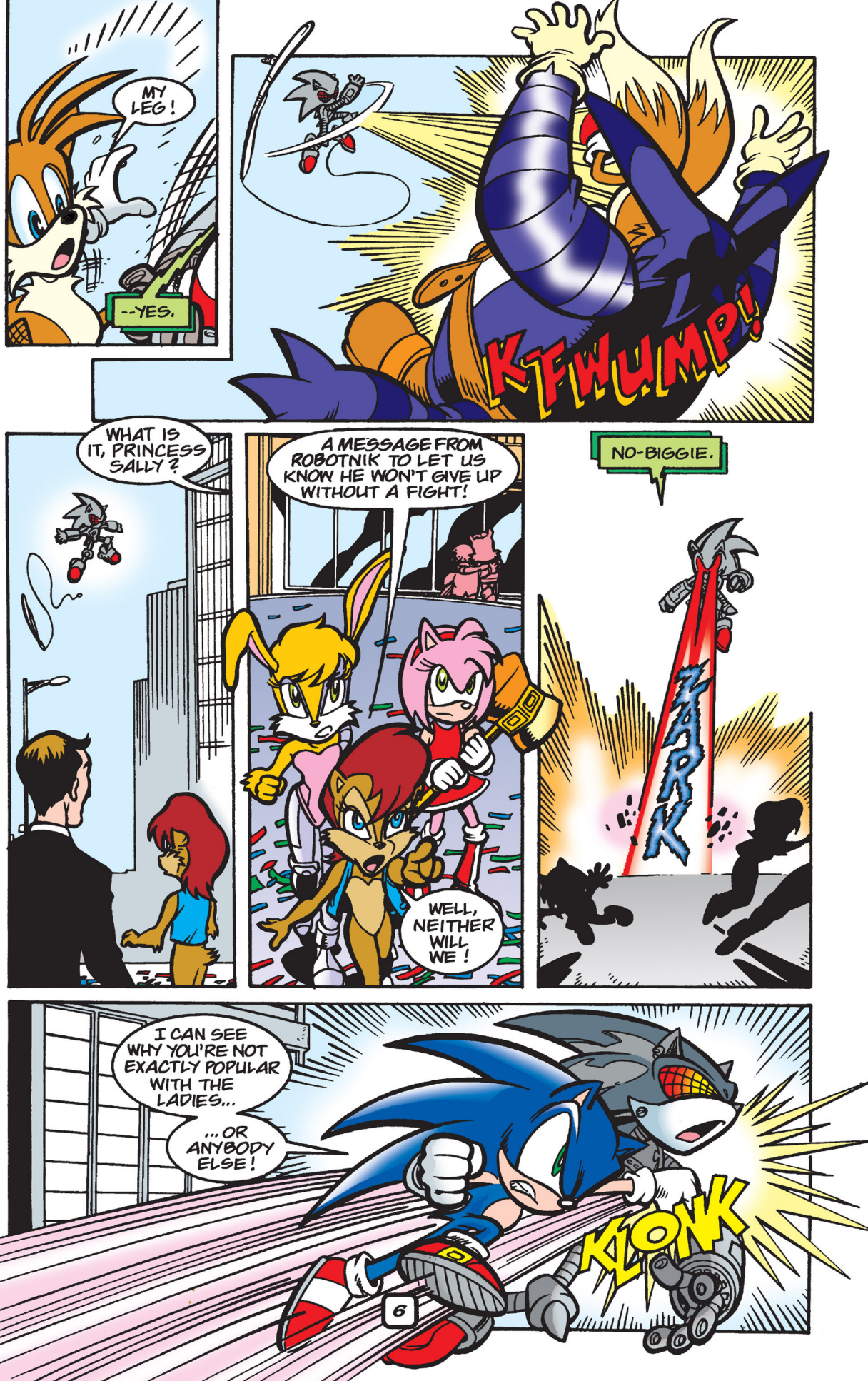
MY LEG!
--YES.
KFWUMP!
WHAT IS IT, PRINCESS SALLY?
A MESSAGE FROM ROBOTNIK TO LET US KNOW HE WON'T GIVE UP WITHOUT A FIGHT!
WELL, NEITHER WILL WE!
NO-BIGGIE.
ZARK
I CAN SEE WHY YOU'RE NOT EXACTLY POPULAR WITH THE LADIES...
...OR ANYBODY ELSE!
KLONK
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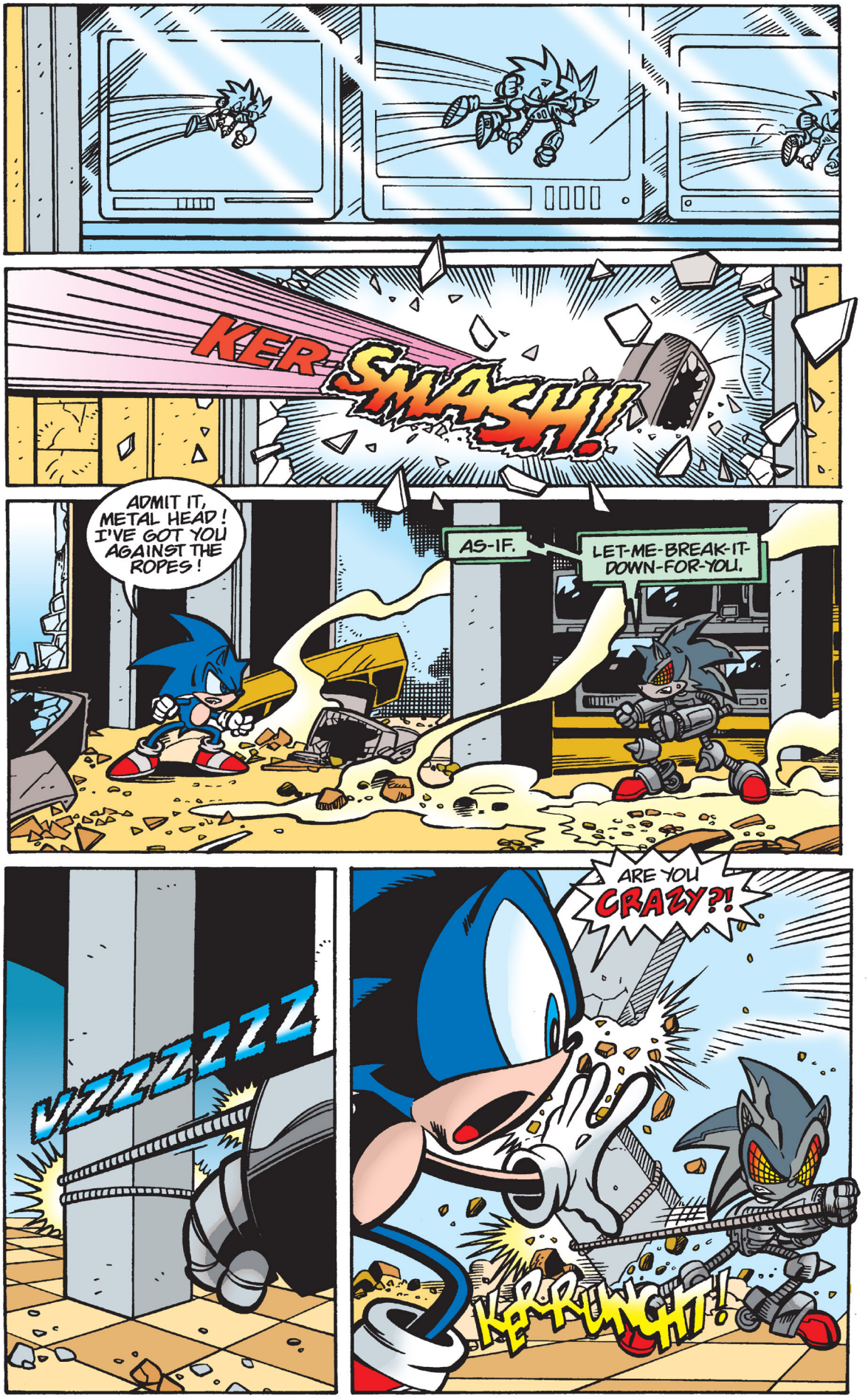
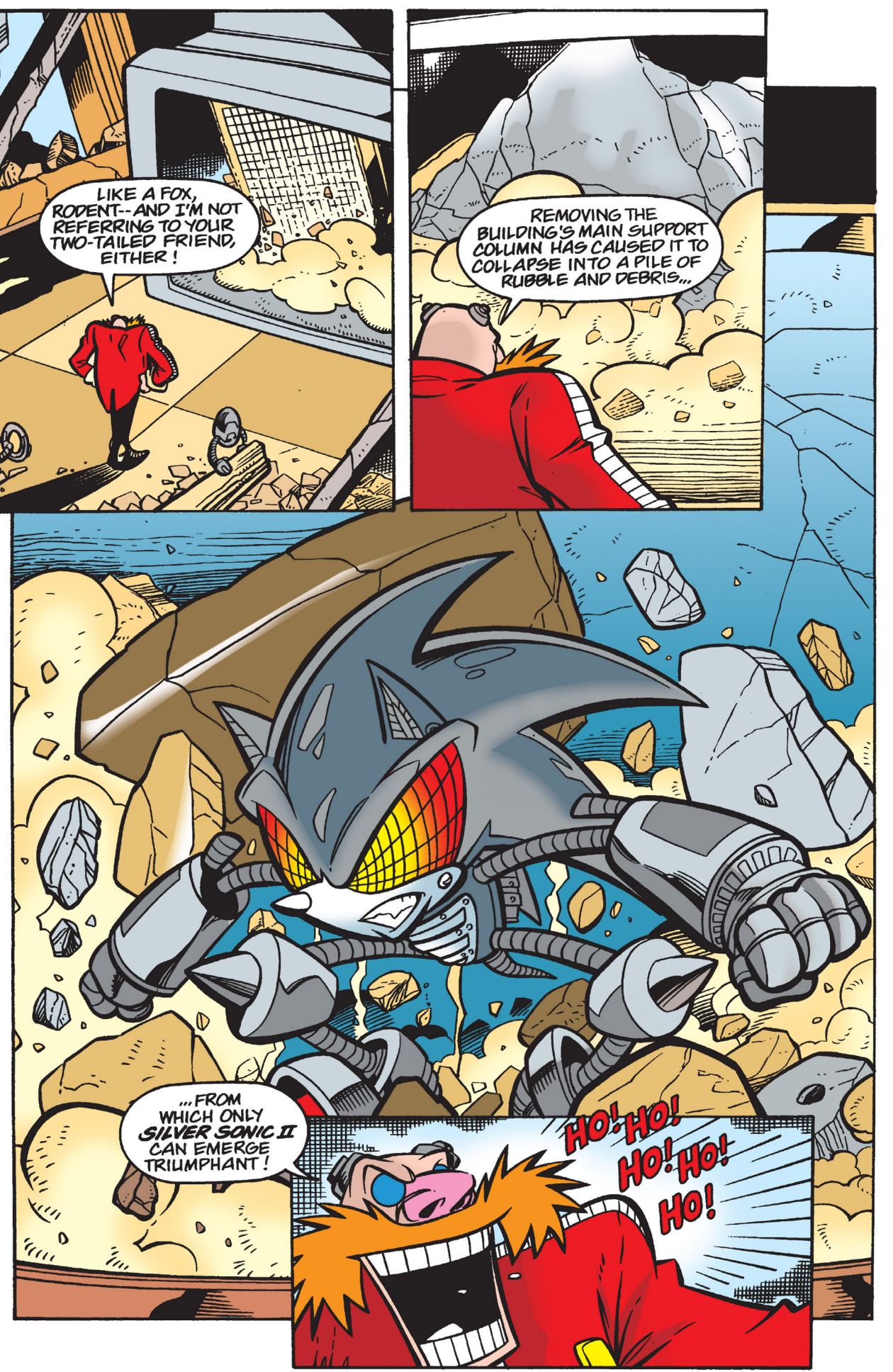
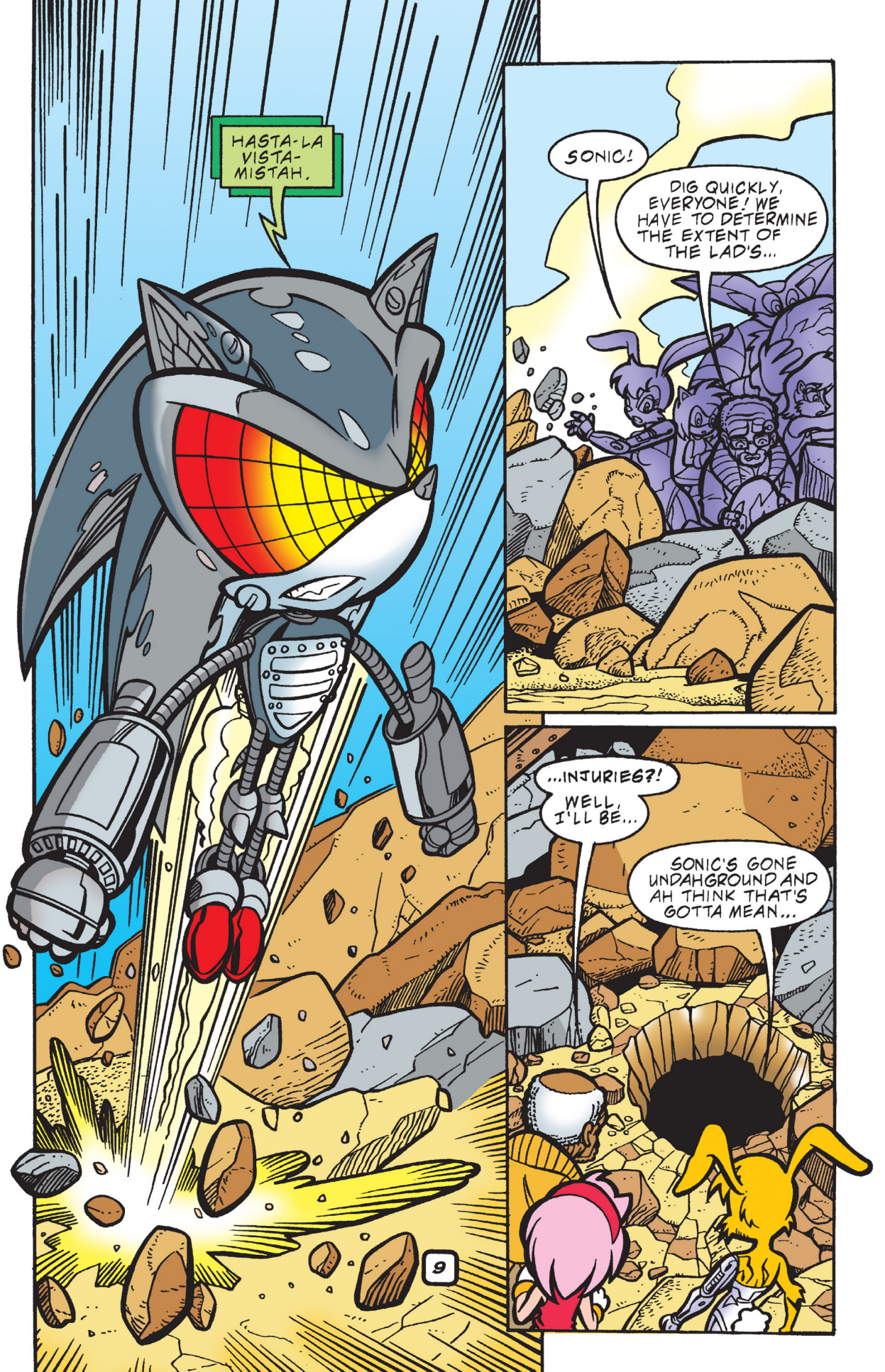
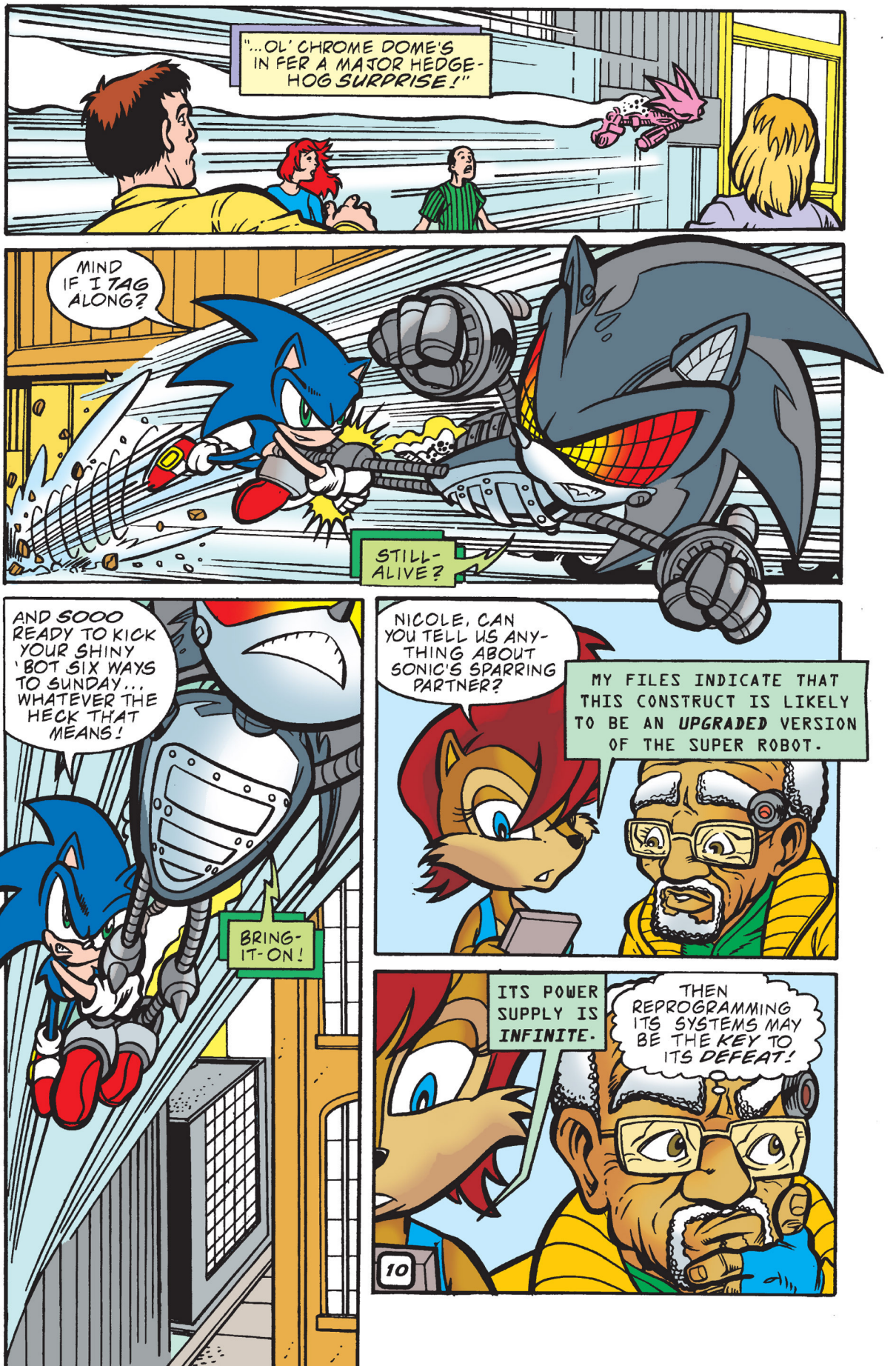

KER-SMASH!
ADMIT IT, METAL HEAD! I'VE GOT YOU AGAINST THE ROPES!
AS-IF.
LET-ME-BREAK-IT-DOWN-FOR-YOU.
VZZZZZZ
ARE YOU CRAZY?!
KERRUNCH!!


LIKE A FOX, RODENT--AND I'M NOT REFERRING TO YOUR TWO-TAILED FRIEND, EITHER!
REMOVING THE BUILDING'S MAIN SUPPORT COLUMN HAS CAUSED IT TO COLLAPSE INTO A PILE OF RUBBLE AND DEBRIS...
...FROM WHICH ONLY SILVER SONIC II CAN EMERGE TRIUMPHANT!
HO! HO! HO! HO! HO!


HASTA-LA VISTA-MISTAH.
SONIC!
DIG QUICKLY, EVERYONE! WE HAVE TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT OF THE LAD'S...
...INJURIES?!
WELL, I'LL BE...
SONIC'S GONE UNDAHGROUND AND AH THINK THAT'S GOTTA MEAN...


"...OL' CHROME DOME'S IN FER A MAJOR HEDGE-HOG SURPRISE!"
MIND IF I TAG ALONG?
STILL-ALIVE?
AND SOOO READY TO KICK YOUR SHINY 'BOT SIX WAYS TO SUNDAY... WHATEVER THE HECK THAT MEANS!
BRING-IT-ON!
NICOLE, CAN YOU TELL US ANY-THING ABOUT SONIC'S SPARRING PARTNER?
MY FILES INDICATE THAT THIS CONSTRUCT IS LIKELY TO BE AN UPGRADED VERSION OF THE SUPER ROBOT.
ITS POWER SUPPLY IS INFINITE.
THEN REPROGRAMMING ITS SYSTEMS MAY BE THE KEY TO ITS DEFEAT!
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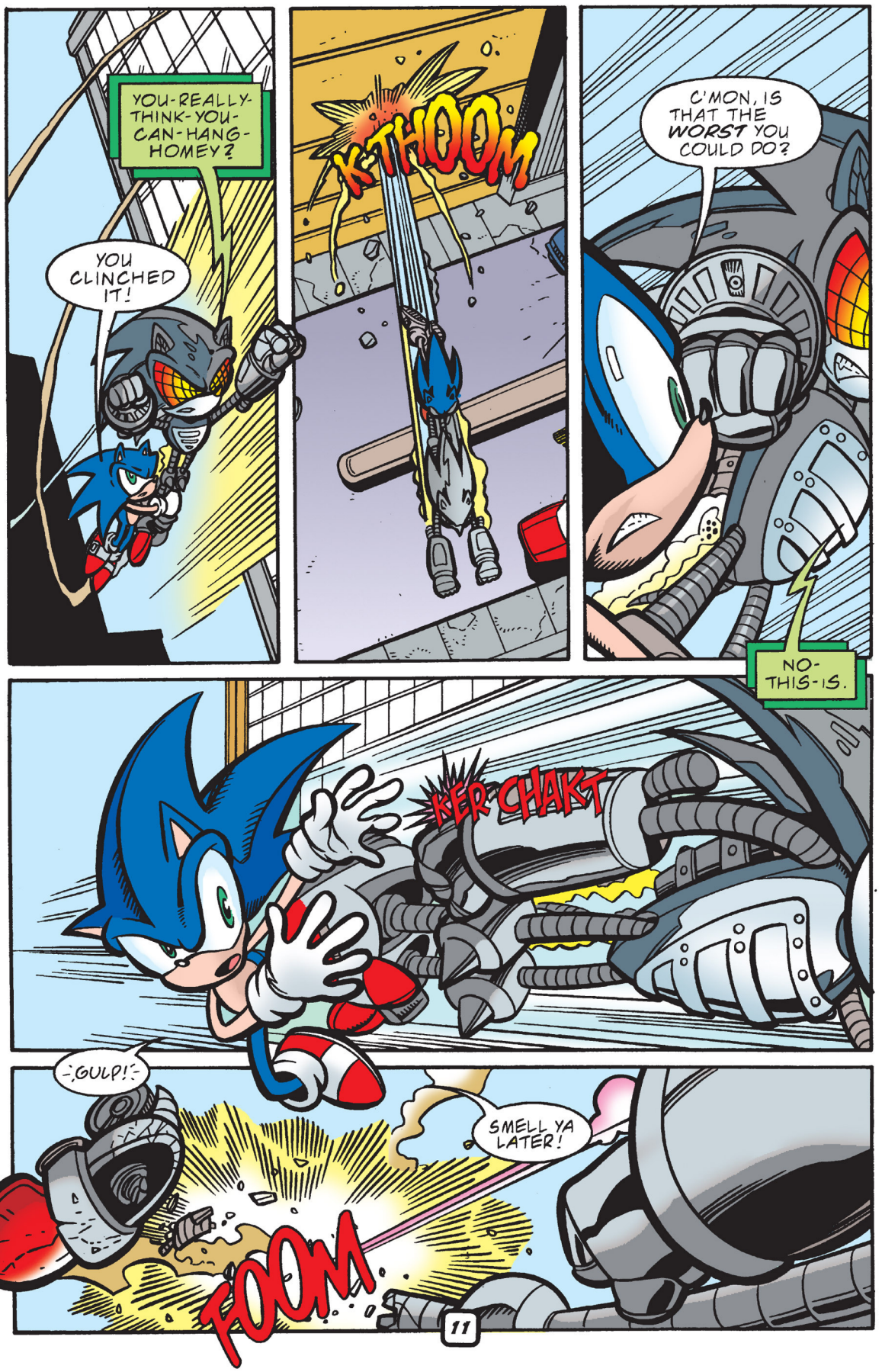
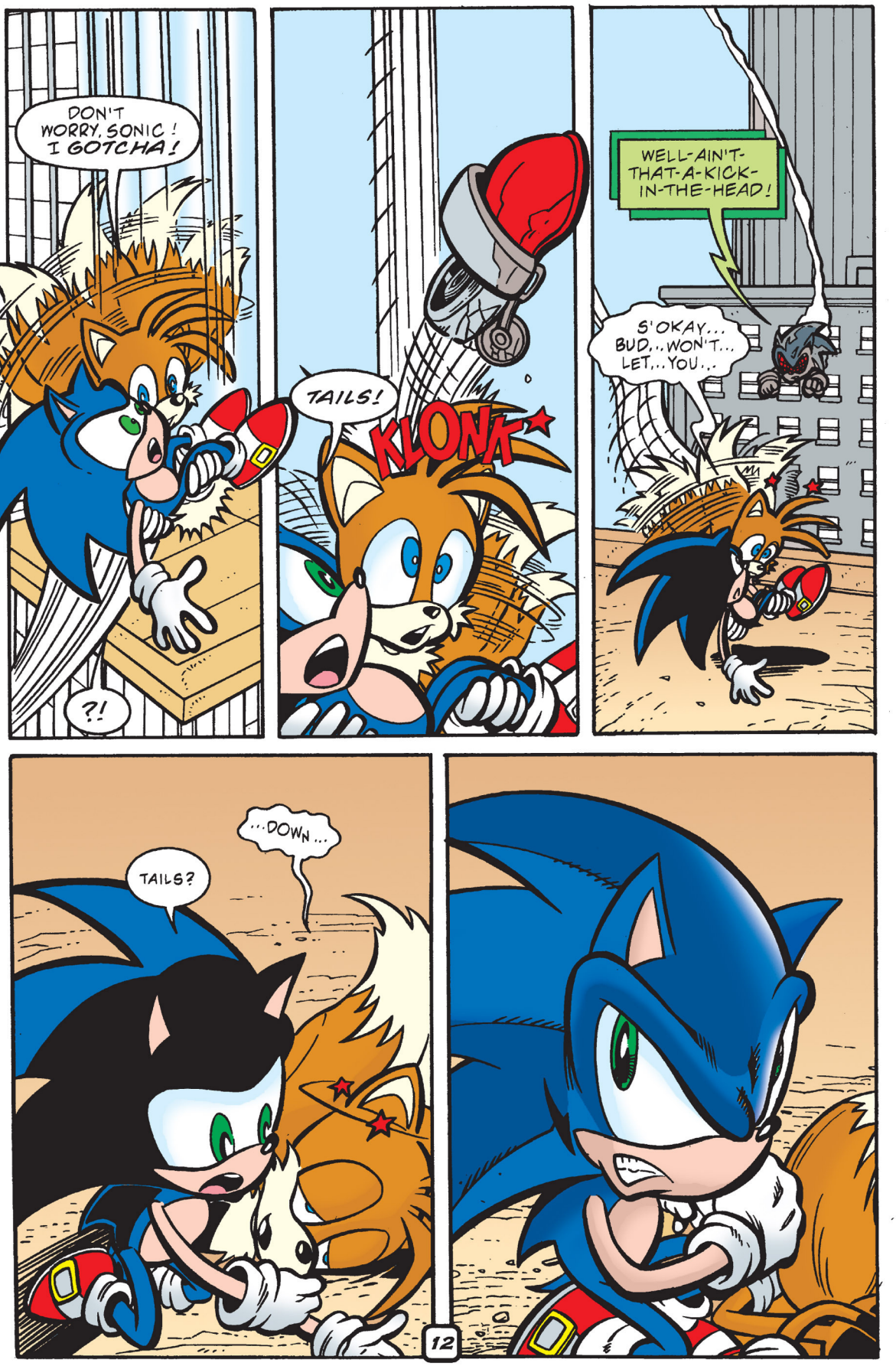
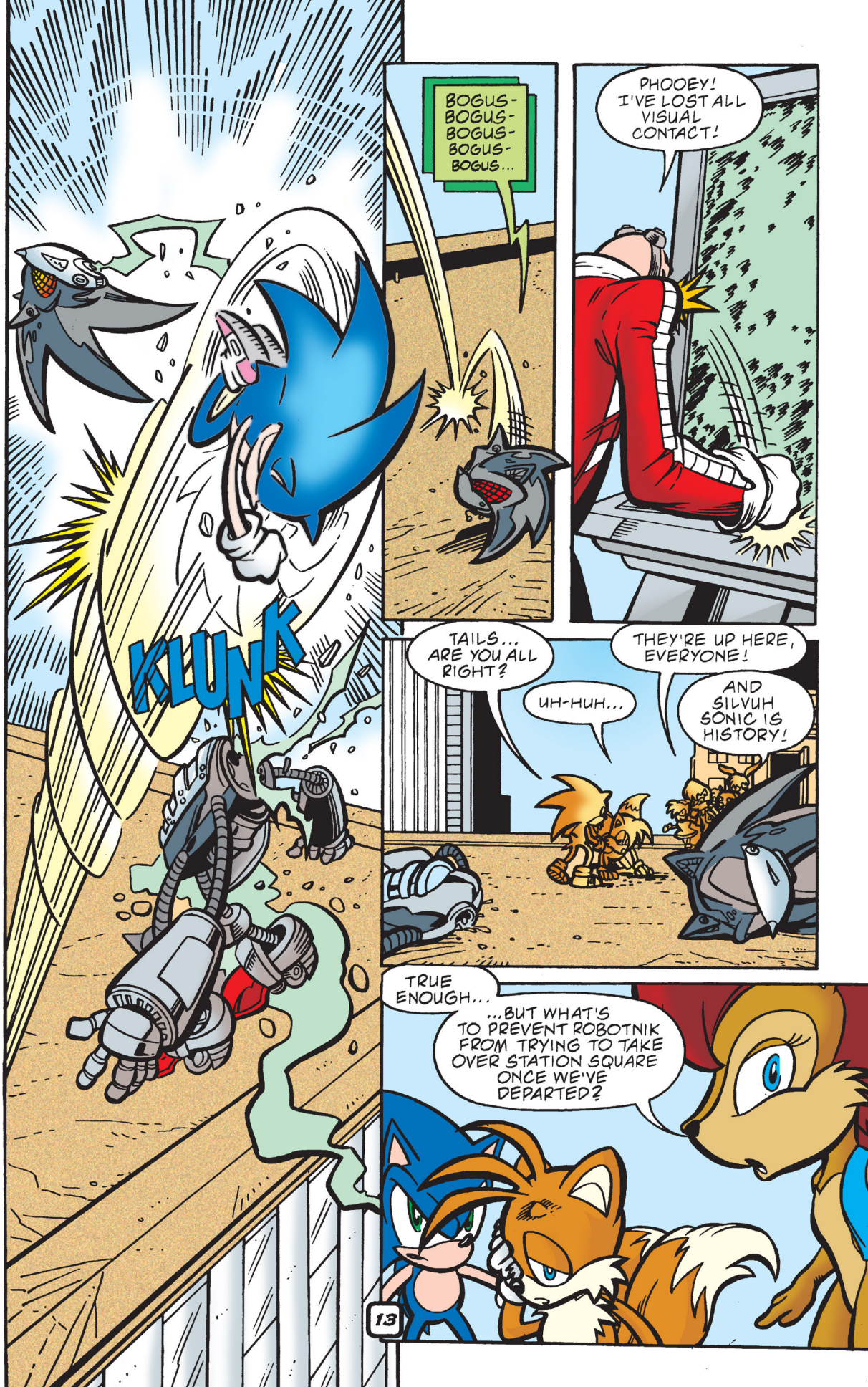
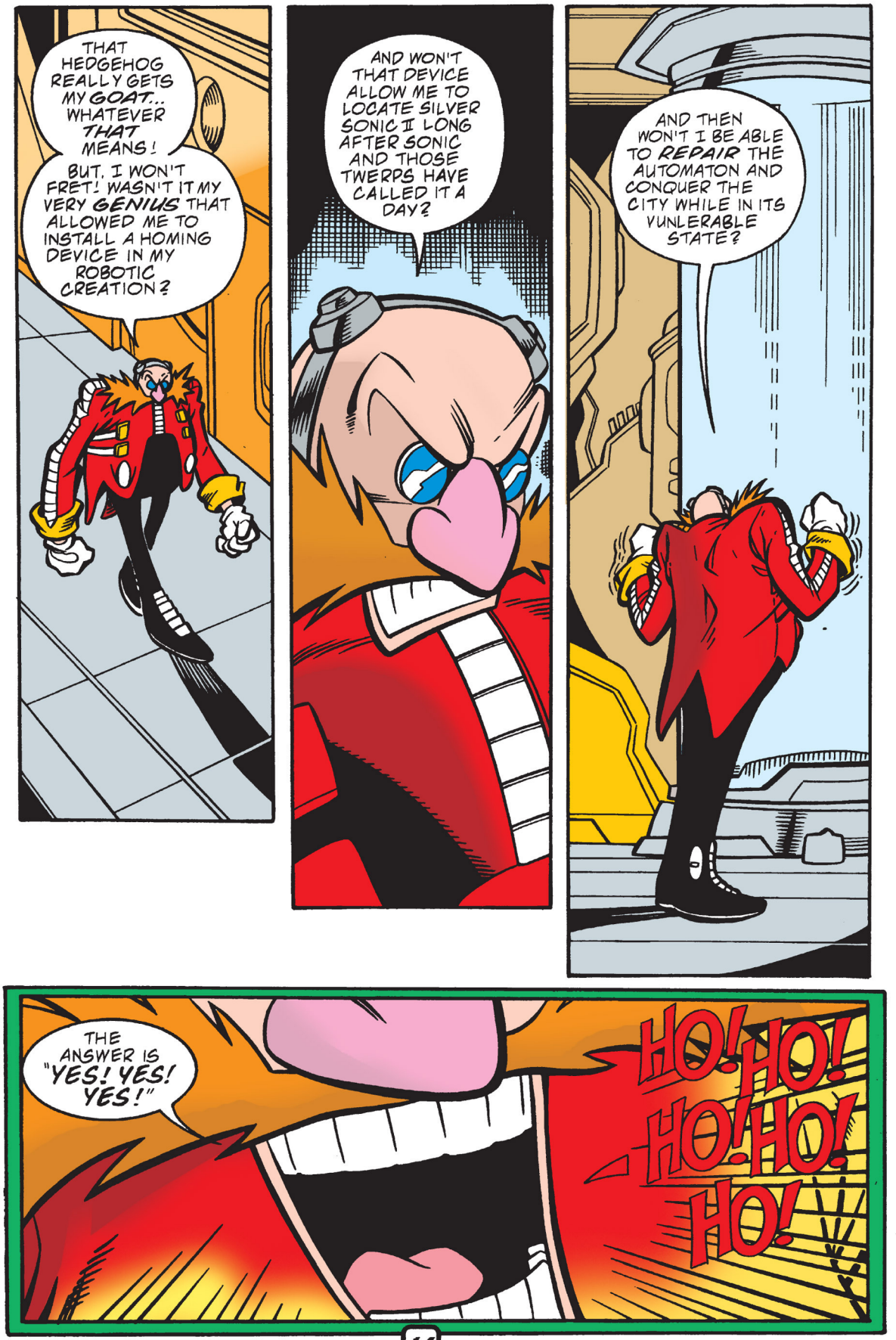
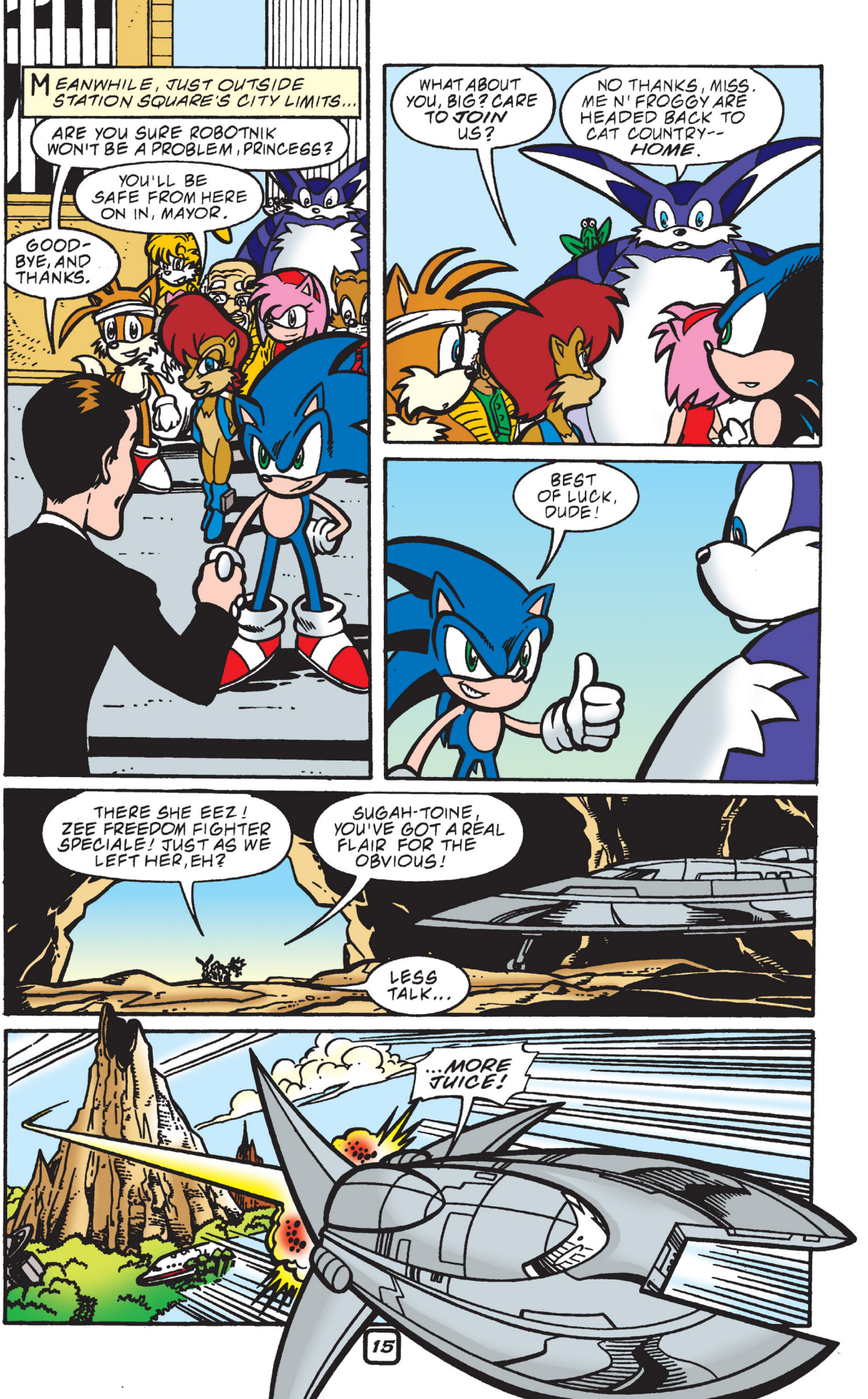
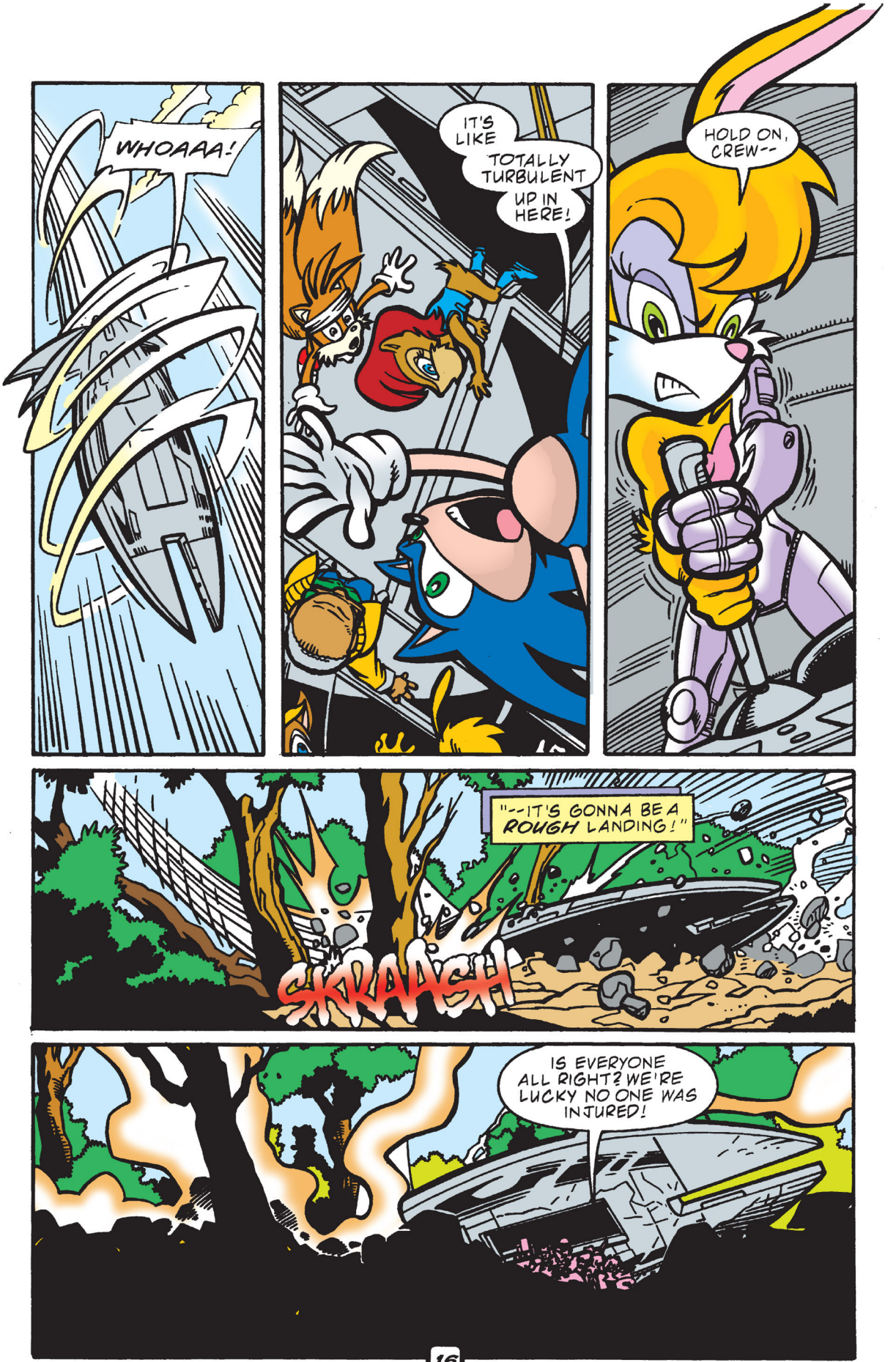

YOU-REALLY-THINK-YOU-CAN-HANG-HOMEY?
YOU CLINCHED IT!
KTHOOM
C'MON, IS THAT THE WORST YOU COULD DO?
NO-THIS-IS.
KER-CHAKT
GULP!
SMELL YA LATER!
FOOM

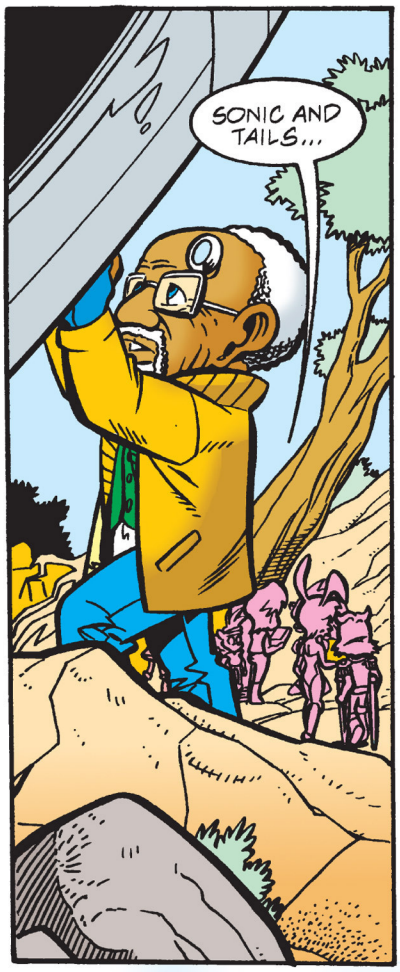

DON'T WORRY, SONIC! I GOTCHA!
?!
TAILS!
KLONK
WELL-AIN'T-THAT-A-KICK-IN-THE-HEAD!
S'OKAY... BUD,..WON'T... LET,..YOU...
TAILS?
...DOWN...

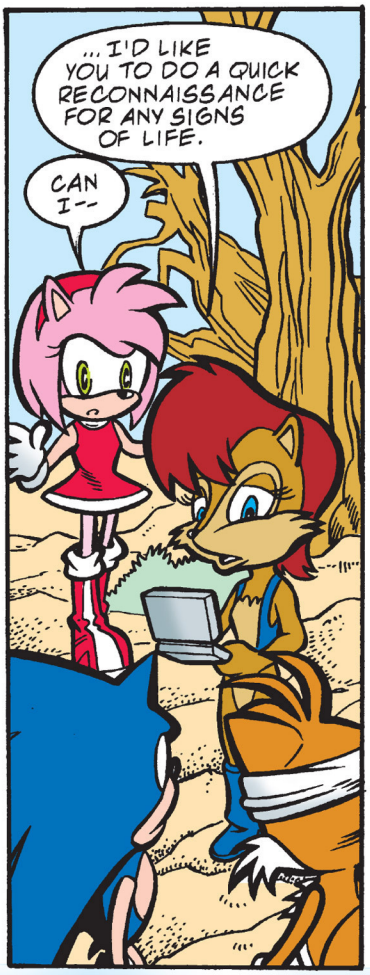

BOGUS-BOGUS-BOGUS-BOGUS-BOGUS...
PHOOEY! I'VE LOST ALL VISUAL CONTACT!
KLUNK
TAILS... ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
UH-HUH...
THEY'RE UP HERE, EVERYONE!
AND SILVUH SONIC IS HISTORY!
TRUE ENOUGH...
...BUT WHAT'S TO PREVENT ROBOTNIK FROM TRYING TO TAKE OVER STATION SQUARE ONCE WE'VE DEPARTED?

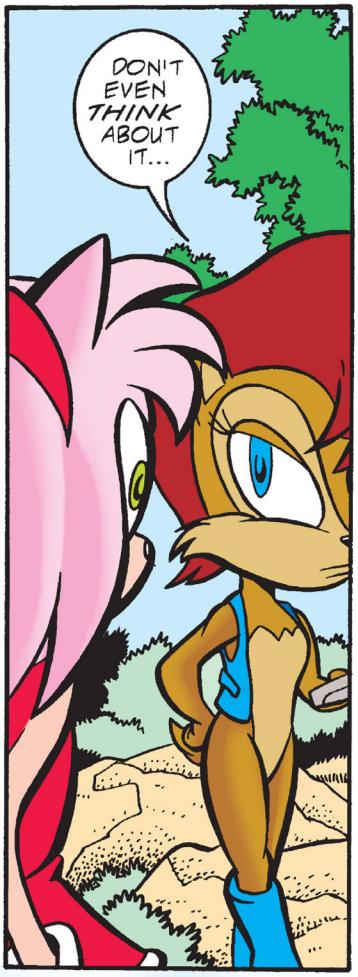

THAT HEDGEHOG REALLY GETS MY GOAT... WHATEVER THAT MEANS!
BUT, I WON'T FRET! WASN'T IT MY VERY GENIUS THAT ALLOWED ME TO INSTALL A HOMING DEVICE IN MY ROBOTIC CREATION?
AND WON'T THAT DEVICE ALLOW ME TO LOCATE SILVER SONIC II LONG AFTER SONIC AND THOSE TWERPS HAVE CALLED IT A DAY?
AND THEN WON'T I BE ABLE TO REPAIR THE AUTOMATON AND CONQUER THE CITY WHILE IN ITS VULNERABLE STATE?
THE ANSWER IS "YES! YES! YES!"
HO! HO! HO! HO! HO!

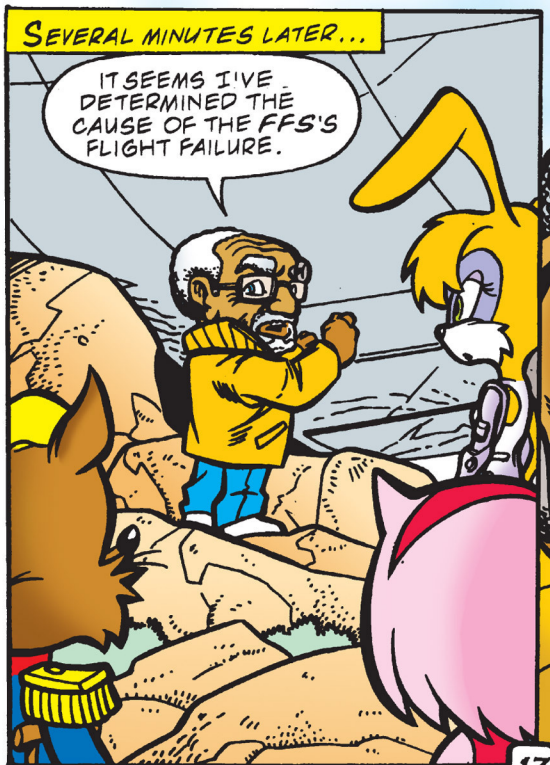

MEANWHILE, JUST OUTSIDE STATION SQUARE'S CITY LIMITS...
ARE YOU SURE ROBOTNIK WON'T BE A PROBLEM, PRINCESS?
YOU'LL BE SAFE FROM HERE ON IN, MAYOR.
GOOD-BYE, AND THANKS.
WHAT ABOUT YOU, BIG? CARE TO JOIN US?
NO THANKS, MISS. ME N' FROGGY ARE HEADED BACK TO CAT COUNTRY-- HOME.
BEST OF LUCK, DUDE!
THERE SHE EEZ! ZEE FREEDOM FIGHTER SPECIALE! JUST AS WE LEFT HER, EH?
SUGAH-TOINE, YOU'VE GOT A REAL FLAIR FOR THE OBVIOUS!
LESS TALK...
...MORE JUICE!


WHOAAA!
IT'S LIKE TOTALLY TURBULENT UP IN HERE!
HOLD ON, CREW--
"--IT'S GONNA BE A ROUGH LANDING!"
SKRAASH
IS EVERYONE ALL RIGHT? WE'RE LUCKY NO ONE WAS INJURED!

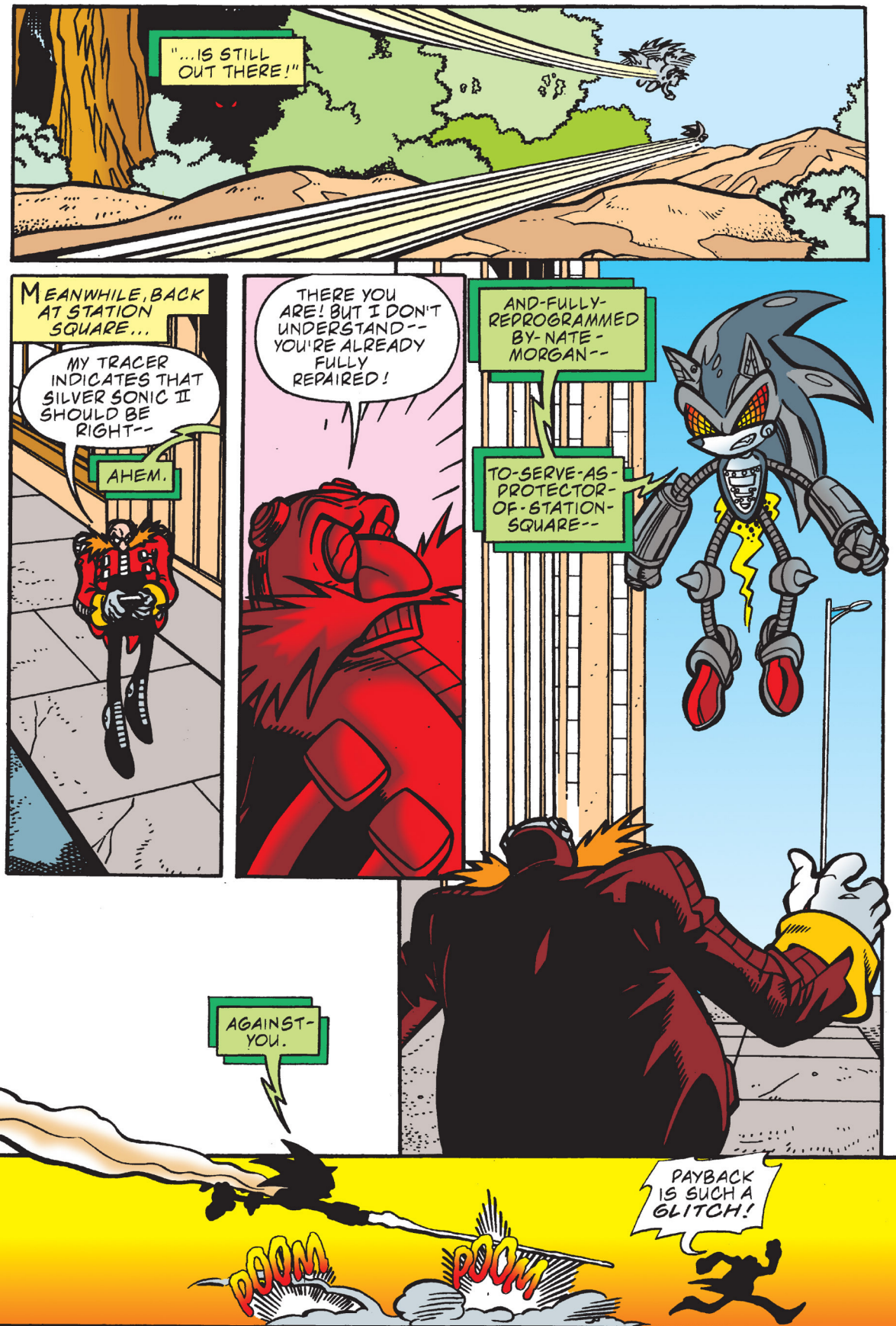

SONIC AND TAILS...

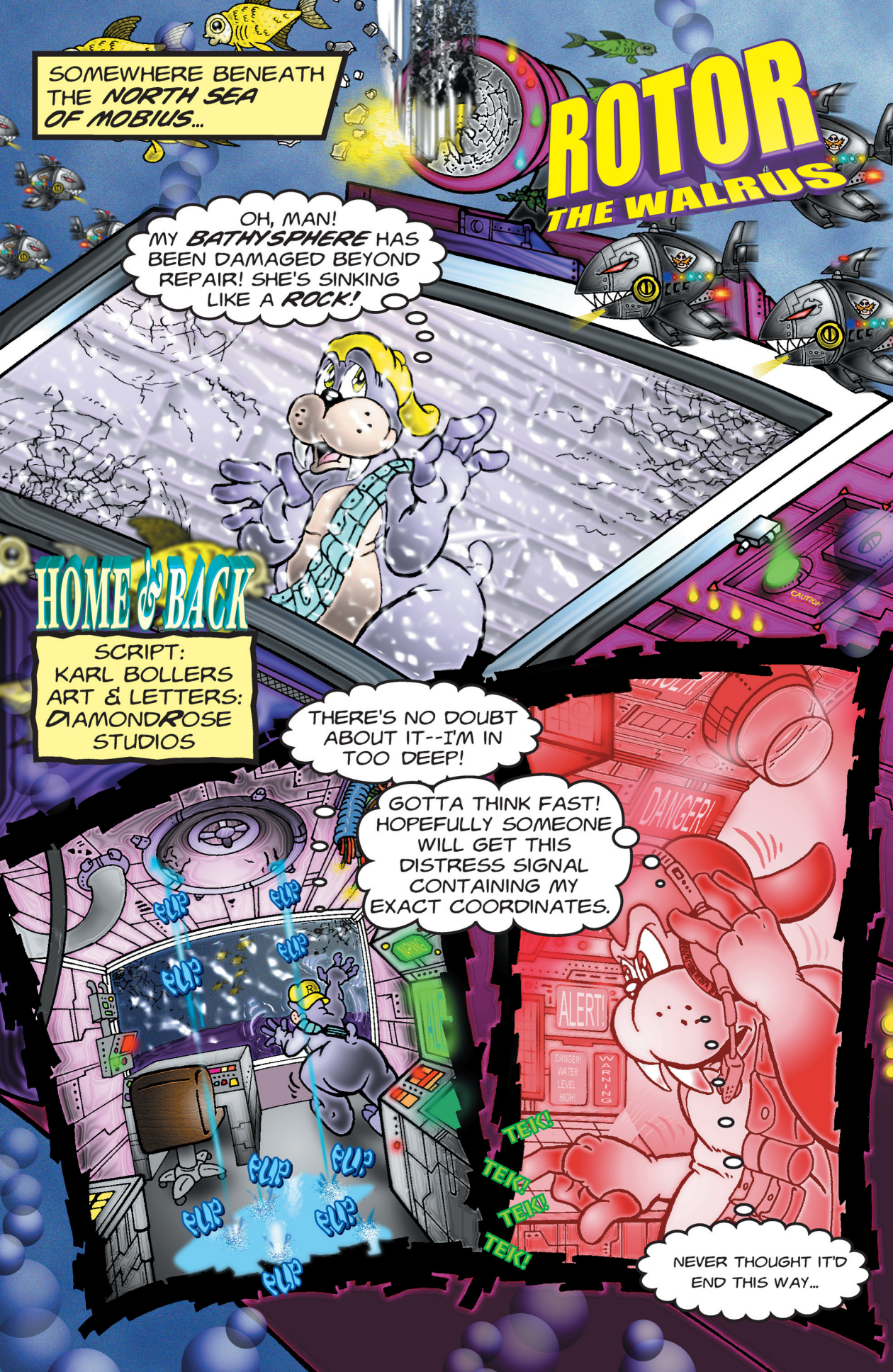

...I'D LIKE YOU TO DO A QUICK RECONNAISSANCE FOR ANY SIGNS OF LIFE.
CAN I--

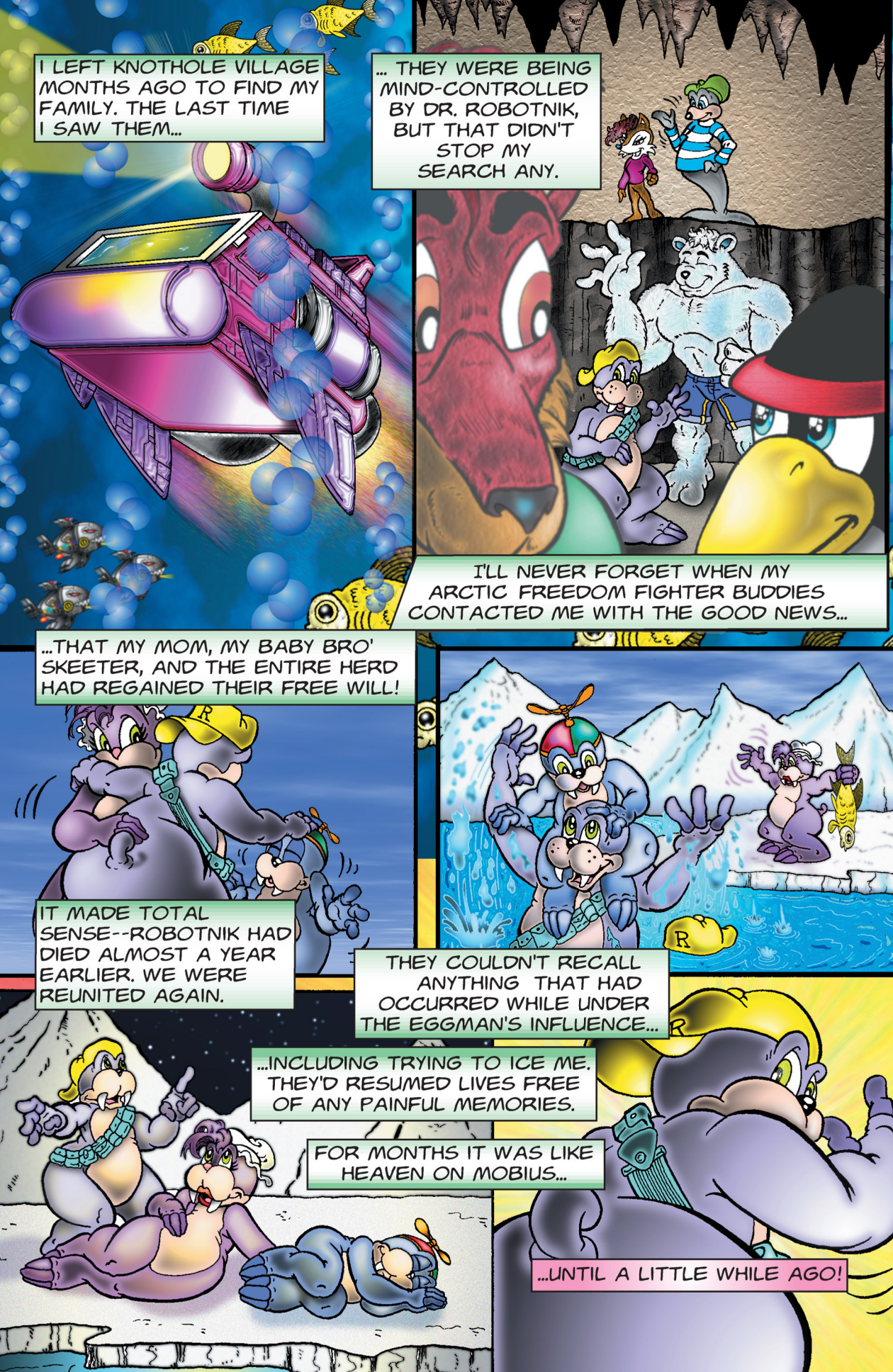

DON'T EVEN THINK ABOUT IT...

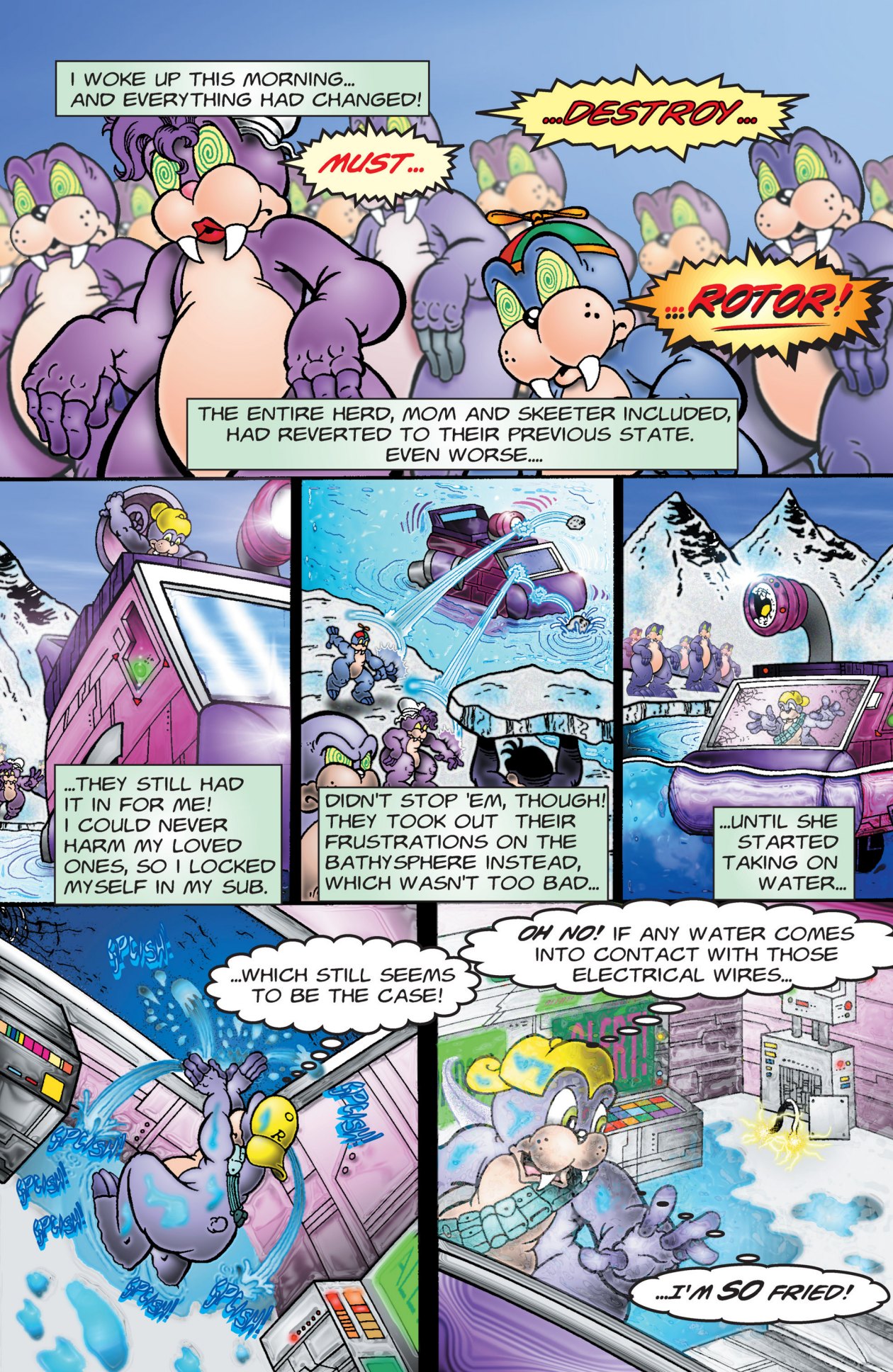

SEVERAL MINUTES LATER...
IT SEEMS I'VE DETERMINED THE CAUSE OF THE FFS'S FLIGHT FAILURE.

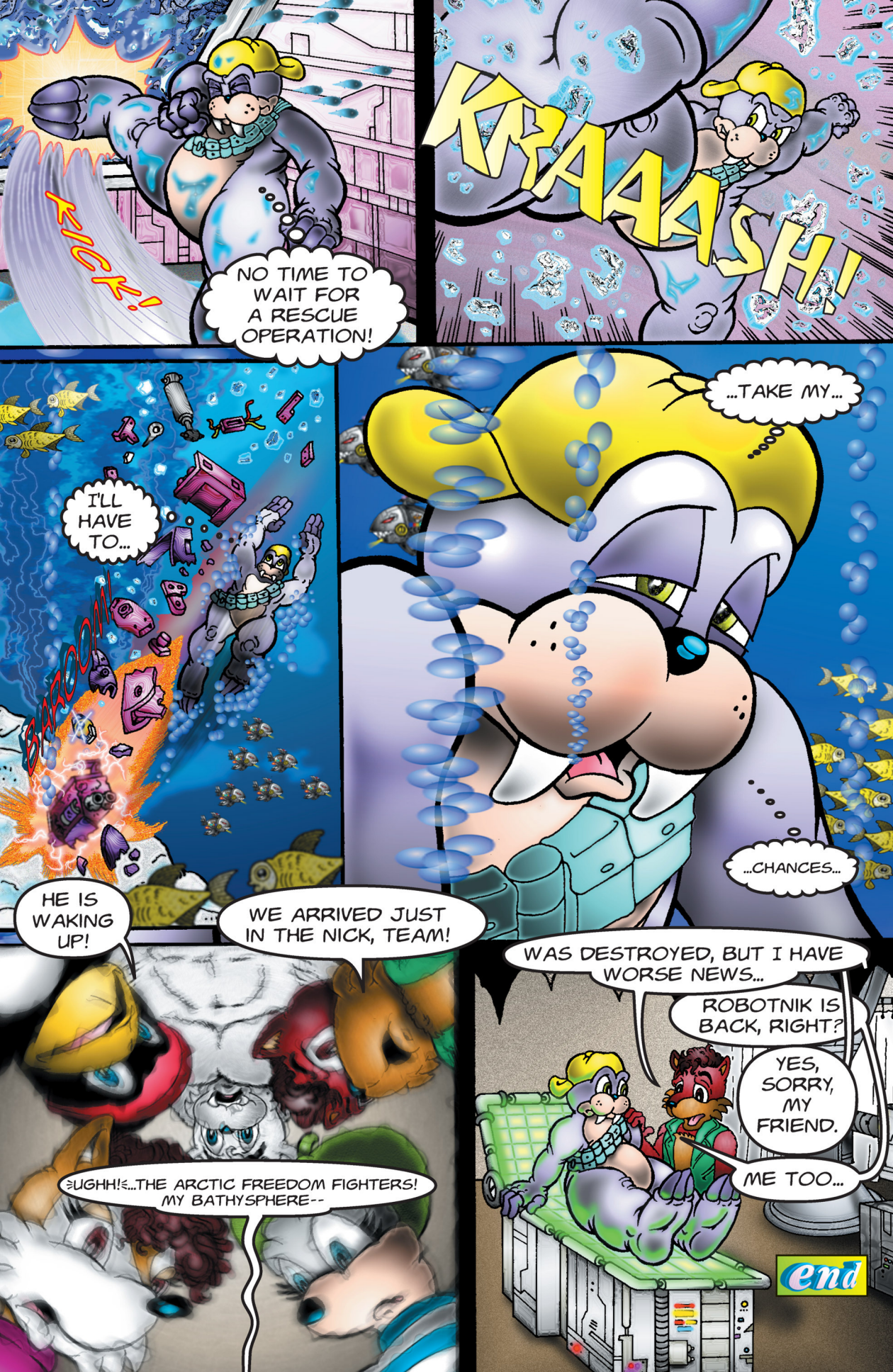
IT WAS SABOTAGE AND WHOEVER'S RESPONSIBLE...


"...IS STILL OUT THERE!"
MEANWHILE, BACK AT STATION SQUARE...
MY TRACER INDICATES THAT SILVER SONIC II SHOULD BE RIGHT--
AHEM.
THERE YOU ARE! BUT I DON'T UNDERSTAND-- YOU'RE ALREADY FULLY REPAIRED!
AND-FULLY-REPROGRAMMED BY-NATE-MORGAN--
TO-SERVE-AS-PROTECTOR-OF-STATION-SQUARE--
AGAINST-YOU.
PAYBACK IS SUCH A GLITCH!
POOM
POOM
end


SOMEWHERE BENEATH THE NORTH SEA OF MOBIUS...
ROTOR
THE WALRUS
OH, MAN! MY BATHYSPHERE HAS BEEN DAMAGED BEYOND REPAIR! SHE'S SINKING LIKE A ROCK!
HOME & BACK
SCRIPT: KARL BOLLERS
ART & LETTERS: DIAMONDROSE STUDIOS
THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT IT--I'M IN TOO DEEP!
GOTTA THINK FAST! HOPEFULLY SOMEONE WILL GET THIS DISTRESS SIGNAL CONTAINING MY EXACT COORDINATES.
FLIP
DANGER!
ALERT!
DANGER! WATER LEVEL HIGH!
WARNING
TEIK!
NEVER THOUGHT IT'D END THIS WAY...


I LEFT KNOTHOLE VILLAGE MONTHS AGO TO FIND MY FAMILY. THE LAST TIME I SAW THEM...
... THEY WERE BEING MIND-CONTROLLED BY DR. ROBOTNIK, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP MY SEARCH ANY.
I'LL NEVER FORGET WHEN MY ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTER BUDDIES CONTACTED ME WITH THE GOOD NEWS...
...THAT MY MOM, MY BABY BRO' SKEETER, AND THE ENTIRE HERD HAD REGAINED THEIR FREE WILL!
IT MADE TOTAL SENSE--ROBOTNIK HAD DIED ALMOST A YEAR EARLIER. WE WERE REUNITED AGAIN.
THEY COULDN'T RECALL ANYTHING THAT HAD OCCURRED WHILE UNDER THE EGGMAN'S INFLUENCE...
...INCLUDING TRYING TO ICE ME. THEY'D RESUMED LIVES FREE OF ANY PAINFUL MEMORIES.
FOR MONTHS IT WAS LIKE HEAVEN ON MOBIUS...
...UNTIL A LITTLE WHILE AGO!


I WOKE UP THIS MORNING... AND EVERYTHING HAD CHANGED!
...DESTROY...
MUST...
...ROTOR!
THE ENTIRE HERD, MOM AND SKEETER INCLUDED, HAD REVERTED TO THEIR PREVIOUS STATE. EVEN WORSE....
...THEY STILL HAD IT IN FOR ME! I COULD NEVER HARM MY LOVED ONES, SO I LOCKED MYSELF IN MY SUB.
DIDN'T STOP 'EM, THOUGH! THEY TOOK OUT THEIR FRUSTRATIONS ON THE BATHYSPHERE INSTEAD, WHICH WASN'T TOO BAD...
...UNTIL SHE STARTED TAKING ON WATER...
...WHICH STILL SEEMS TO BE THE CASE!
SPLISH!
SPLASH!
OH NO! IF ANY WATER COMES INTO CONTACT WITH THOSE ELECTRICAL WIRES...
...I'M SO FRIED!


KICK!
NO TIME TO WAIT FOR A RESCUE OPERATION!
KRAAASH!
I'LL HAVE TO...
BAROOM!
...TAKE MY...
...CHANCES...
HE IS WAKING UP!
WE ARRIVED JUST IN THE NICK, TEAM!
UGHH!...THE ARCTIC FREEDOM FIGHTERS! MY BATHYSPHERE--
WAS DESTROYED, BUT I HAVE WORSE NEWS...
ROBOTNIK IS BACK, RIGHT?
YES, SORRY, MY FRIEND.
ME TOO...
end